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THE REAL LEADER.

nese politician by the name of Confucius remarked some twenty-five hundred years ago that a country was well governed in which things were called by or right names, and in which the man who was called the ruler really ruled.

Judged by the standard of Confucius Tammany has ently not been well governed. The man who was called leader has not been leading; the man who resigned he leadership and effusively asserted his retirement has

The retirement of Mr. Nixon removes all doubt, if my existed, as to who is the real leader of Tammany. It o removes all doubt as to the fundamental principle on hich Tammany is organized. It confirms the prevant impression as to the impossibility of a leopard changing its spots or a tiger its skin.

dehed Orders."-Inasmuch as there is one Wall street ner serving a sentence in the Tombs for having practitioner serving a sentence in the Tombs for having circulated false reports in order to influence the stock market, it should not be impossible to punish the fraud marking up the stocks of the Webb-Meyer Syndicate matched orders and wash sales. Of the two forms of idling the latter is the more dangerous-because it

AN ELASTIC MEMORY.

In the examination of P. D. Bailey by the Civil Service Commission yesterday the candidate was asked the question: "How is your memory?" And his answer was: "It

The report throws no light on what Bailey knows in he way of book learning, a requirement sometimes foolishly insisted on by examiners, but on his knowledge of atters more important he deserves to pass. Bailey uld be a valuable employee in some departments of the city government. It used to be said of certain men that they had forgotten more than others knew; this forgetfulness now has a marketable value. It is escially in demand around police stations when men are ne to death. Its value is recognized in cases of disaster such as tunnel collisions and subway explosions. It is rated much above par in Wall street financiering of the Webb-Meyer Syndicate kind, and it attains Standard Oli prices in suits against promoters who are asked to unt for a missing item of \$26,000,000 or so of capital stock. There are worse possessions a man can have in setting out to make his fortune than an elastic memory.

ole Acid in Beef.-We have a distinguished German chemist's word for it that boracic acid in meat, so far from doing harm to the digestion merely imparts an agreeable flavor that would otherwise be lacking. Too ch of it might not be good for the human system, says Prof. Lieberich, but neither would too much mustard. Great is chemistry as applied to food products. Perhaps we shall some day have an embalmed beef quite superior to the natural article.

CARNEOIE'S OFFER.

The story is published that before the treaty with pain was signed Mr. Andrew Carnegie went to President McKinley and offered to repay to the United States Government the \$20,000,000 of Philippine purchase money if he could be allowed to deal with the Filipinos and guarantee them their independence.

The offer, it need hardly be said, was not accepted sident McKinley is reported as having said that Mr. Carnegie "did not understand the matter." Very few of is understood that the country was to be deliberately mitted to a policy of conquest, but if Mr. Carnegie's r had been taken he would have rendered the country ervice worth even more than his rich libraries. Inad of asking \$20,000,000 for the Philippines the people the United States would gladly pay that sum or more he rid of them, but with a Roosevelt in the White use as an advocate of militant imperialism and a enuous national life it is not likely that a repetition of the offer would meet with favor even now.

Extended Outing.-It is to be hoped that there is no truth in the report that Corporation Counsel Rives's designation of an acting Corporation Counsel for the GIBBES, MISS F. G.-the Washington ing three months indicates his intention of taking a three months' vacation at Newport, with merely a nal visit to the city. This was no part of the KIPLING. RUDYARD-has returned programme of reform as outlined before the election.

THE TARDY BRITON.

While the sympathy and prompt assistance of the whole world has been extended to the Martinique sufferre the lesser disaster at St. Vincent's has almost been at sight of in the work of relief.

This was partly due to the feeling that Great Britain with her ample resources and nearby stores of supplies uld be depended on to take care of her own. It must be said to the credit of the British Colonial officials in the neighboring islands that they have done heroic service in the work of succor, both at St. Vincent's and Marnique, but in London it was not until yesterday that any notice of any kind was taken of the great disaster. ad then all that was done was to open one of the routing Mansion House funds.

Wally John Bull is slow to move and allow to reconmiss his appartunities,

SALDONS FOR PORTO RICO.

According to the Rev. Dr. Cornellus Breit, who has just returned from a tour of Porto Rico. This astounding to note the way enterprising Yankees are boomthe the stloop business at han Juan and other pigoes They are brilliantly lighting the interior and exterior of the saloune with electricity and electric algae, just at on Broadway. There is whiskey music and damang a

So the stake has entered Eden; the name has police his nose under the icut. It is not first the American pohan will make the Partorinanae augminted you man which biteth like an adder, that sequalitative was tool-An East Augus bodower home east at an not merely that the well will flustick in new fields and the high leadings the pickey and the demontic beyongon by monte in facilispecies excellence, as female in America, amore in parties. If he what names to fine a new of the American toon that throstops an and to Forth Blood you ris-SECONDS SHOOM SANIOR LANCE MAN SANIO LANCE LOSS. s Auginiation, finnsky grantings, piechaust god et this of hyperine that follows delications will be bell back to May June placet plant down a termine will the and sail and say complexing or than he bringly simulated by the revision disc. and their part states are been principle, then the cowith senter to sequent our "leaven" as some the "disadel agring," as at mean, "all means applied would be desired the property of a continuous of the continuous of





GOT THE GOODS!

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WONT RETURN

The Funny Side of Life.

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TAMMANY HALL

JOKES OF OUR OWN

"Marry him, dear," counselled soft

hearted Lillian, "He loves you. Besides, he's a man ! cold-hearted Blanche answered But

"No," to his letter, "For a man with a million," said she "suits me better.

BASEBALL FANS.

"There is one man who doesn't care for fans even in the hottest weather.' "Who is he?"

"A baseball umpire."

mute.

A RECORD. "What's your automobile's record?"

"Ten a minute." "No. Vietims."

NOT SO WONDERFUL "He's the only father I ever knew wh never repeats the clever things his little

WANTED IT DRY.

"Good reason! The child's a des

Watter-Table d'hote, sir? Windycity-Yes, we may as well start dinner with that; but don't put any

BORROWED JOKES.

IN CHICAGO. "Fellow - citizens," thundered the

young Populist orator, "we are paying too much for our beef!"

Whereupon all the farmers in the audience got up and walked out.

"And it's the fault of the infamous beef trust!" he added hurriedly.

Upon which all the men employed in

and about the packing houses rose from their seats and left the hall. A few meat consumers, however, who had come to hear him from motives of idle curiosity, remained to the end .-

Chicago Tribune.

ON THE MOVE.

"I ney have two servants" "Huh, that's nothing! We usually have two in our house-one going and the other coming."-Philadelphia Press

BUT NOT BAREFOOT.

A vacht can stand on a tack in silence but a man isn't built like a yacht .-Chicago News.

SOMEBODIES.

BURDETT-COUTTS, BARONESS-who is eighty-eight, intends to watch King Edward's coronation procession from the same windows from which, sixtyfour years ago, she watched Queen

ELLISON, DR. SARAH-of New York, has, it is believed, the finest collection books on conjuring and magic in America. It is not known whether

FENSHAM, MISS FLORENCE A .- of Turkey, has received the degree of Bachelor of Divinity, being the first woman thus honored by the Congr gational Church.

poet, was the first woman student at the South Carolina University.

from South Africa and is now in England. Having versically scored the conduct of the Boer war he comes back in good time to hew out some

coronation jingles. MARTENS, MRS -of Cleveland, O., has aucceeded her husband so engineer in a sky-scraper. Now for a new song

entited 'Mom's the Engineer. MORTON, MISS MARY - youngest daughter of Levi P. Morton, devotes most of her time and income to the

THE ROSE LIGHT.



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HIS MOATED GRANGE

"He was so very fetching at dinner department."

THE SERMON HABIT.





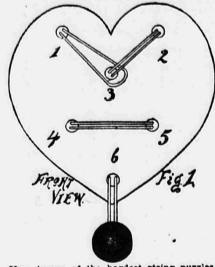
Rabbit-Because I always seem to be trying a new trap.

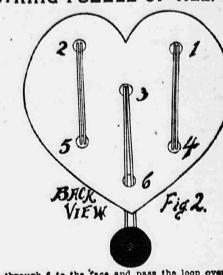
DIFFERENT.

TIMELY LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

ODDITY CORNER.

THIS IS THE HARDEST STRING PUZZLE OF ALL.





to a small ball, spool or piece of wood. To arrange the puzzle pass the loop through the hole 6, from face to back, up to 2, through which bring it, and three inches high make the string, when doubled, then through 3, 5, 4 and 1 in succession; then twelve inches long. through 2 again and down and back to 6; bring it

Here is one of the hardest string puzzles ever through 6 to the face and pass the loop over the invented—till you know how. To make this puzzle ball; then draw the loop back again through 6 and qut a heart out of a piece of pasteboard and male six holes in it, as shown in figure 1. Then take front and back views. Now let some one try to a piece of cord, double it and fasten the two ends take the ball and string off without bending the holes. To take the ball and string off reverse the

THE M'INTYRE FLAT.

They Acquire the Housecleaning Mania, but Cure It by Heroic Measures.

One evening McIntyre came home tired, with a sick headache. As he started to climb the five flights that led to the McIntyre flat his nostrils were assailed by a mingled scent of laundry soap, ammonia suds, fresh paint and flying dust. Having had no experience in such matters he did not shy, as a more seasoned householder would have done.

When he reached his own door he found a magic wand had caused his pretty, home-like flat to vanish. In its place was a conglomerate mass that looked like a cavally charge seen n a flawed looking-glass. One had but to stand perfectly still in the midst of it to

get all the sensations incident on a fit. From the centre of the chaos there arose and approached

him a weird figure.
It was Mrs. McIntyre. "If this," mused McIntyre sadly, "is the wife whom I once promised to honor and obey, she is sadly changed since I saw her last. I read of this sort of thing in the papers to-day," he went on, glancing ruefully about the room, "but

I got the impression it happened at Martinique."
"We are cleaning house," observed Mrs. McIntyre, with dignity.

"So I see. You've evidently sent it away to be cleane and they've sent you back this sunny corner lot from pande monium in its place. If there's a law in the land"—
"Please, dear," she begged, "don't try to be silly. It's all

horrible enough as it is, without that." "There's only one thing to do," he pronounced, an idea coming to his rescue. Wading to his desk he sat down and wrote a dozen or so notes. They read as follows:

"But what prize shall we give?" asked Mrs. McIntyre "Our lifelong gratitude," responded McIntyre. "You may

observe I've addressed all these notes to the sort of cranks who will do three days' work for the sake of any prize so long as it is at a party. In the mean time let's go to a hotel With his coming of age he assumes not A. P. TERHUNE.

POPES OF HUMBLE BIRTH.

Many of the Popes have sprung from low origin. Alexander V. (1490) was a beggar boy. Benedict XII. was the son of a baker; Sixtus IV. (1471) was the son of a fisherman; Sixtus V. (1585), whose name was Felix Perretti, was a pig driver at Montalto, and attracted the attention of a Franciscan monk, who educated him, says the Chicago Record-Herald. He rose to be Bishop of Fermo, soon after to be Cardinal, and was then elevated to the Papal throne, and celebrated his reign by erecting many of the finest buildings in Rome. Nathand Hawthorne, writing of his tomb in the grand old church of St. Maria Maggiore, says: "If anything can still the spectator to tilence and awaken him to great recollections it is the monument of this astonishing man, who as a child herded swine, and as a man commanded kings and filled Roms with so many works that from every side his name, like an echo, rings upon the traveller's ears."

Urban IV. (1261) was the son of a French cobbler; Adrian VI. was the son of a weaver; Boniface the Great was a street gemin and held horses for pennies.

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A DUCHESS'S ROMANCE.



Grand Duchess Helena, first cousin of the Czar, the heroine of a recent romonce. She attempted to elope with the man of her heart, a poor student. The eloping lovers were arrested in the trains at Warsaw and the student was sent to Saghalien, the prison island in the Northern Pacific. The eloping Duchess s twenty years old.

KING ALFONSO IS COMIC

In the light of this twentieth century the sixteen-year-old King of Spain looks fairly comical, says the Boston Herald. merely the crown and scepter, but all the full dress uniforms appropriate to his rank as Captain-General and Field Marshal, and will don the garb of man-hood, a frock coat and swallow tail, and

NEW COATS OF ARMS. MAKING BASEBALLS. NO. V .- THE COMMUTER.

The process of making baseballs on a wholesale plan is a rather interesting one, consuming in a single season something like 8,000 akins. The scrapings from the shoe factories, of which the "raw" balls are moulded, ere stored in cellars of about one acre area, and from

According to quality, the ball is bound by a few or several dozen rounds of nord. The 'raw' halls are placed in automatic moulds, shaping the ball, and at the same time pressing out all mois-ture to the time of three hundred gross a day. One employee will shape as many as 100 of these raw balls in a single working day, says the Chicia-tri Commercial Tribina.

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